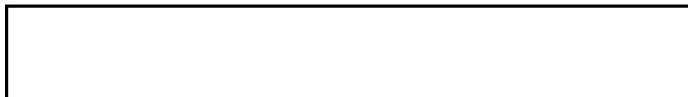


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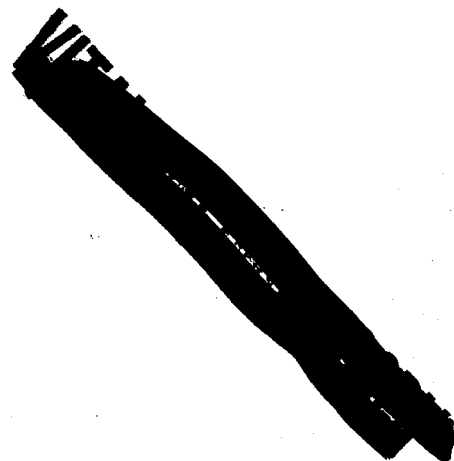
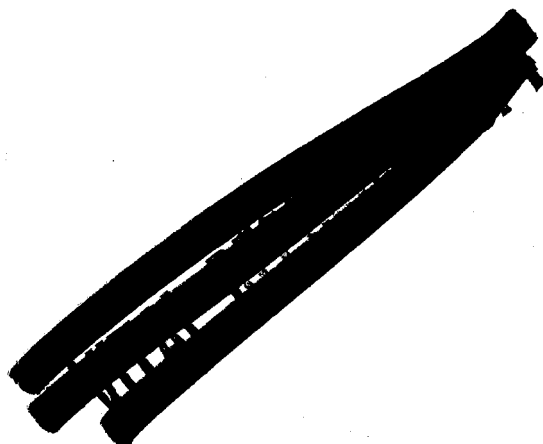


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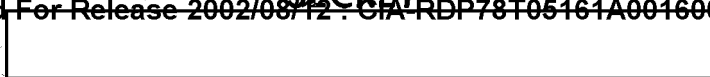


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AIRFRAME PLANT 31 AND SOGANLUG AIRFIELD

TBILISI, USSR

Airframe Plant 31 (41-40N 44-53E), a major producer of Soviet jet fighter aircraft, is located on the southeast edge of Tbilisi (Tiflis), about 80 miles from the Turkish border.

This plant, covered by [] photography, occupies an area approximately 3,000 by 2,000 feet. It has undergone little change since previous aerial photographic cover []. The only apparent new buildings are a boiler house, an administrative building, and two large warehouses.

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Soganlug Airfield, the test and flyaway field for the aircraft plant, is located two miles southeast of the plant. The only significant change in this airfield [] has been the concrete surfacing of the previous sod runway which now measures 6,000 feet long by 270 feet wide. Little activity is apparent in the airfield area. Two twin-engine transports (CAB) are parked near the runway and the tail of one probable fighter aircraft is protruding from the seven-bay nose hangar.

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The major components of the airframe plant and the adjoining airfield, are shown on the accompanying annotated photographs and described in the key to annotations.

KEY TO ANNOTATIONS
Figure 1 -- Airframe Plant 31

1. Assembly building, single-story, 900 x 600, * including a 500 x 85 final assembly section.
2. Firing-in butt. New [] One FRESCO is observed in this area.
3. Subassembly building, single-story, 800 x 350.

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* All dimensions are given in feet.

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4. Workshop, single-story, 275 x 60.
5. Storage building, single-story, 335 x 45. New [] 25X1
6. Main road entrance to plant.
7. Administration building, single-story, T-shaped, 240 x 60 and 70 x 35. New [] 25X1
8. Compressor building, two-story, 155 x 70.
9. Foundry, single-story, 145 x 120, with adjoining 75 x 35 wing.
10. Storage building area (new [] Contains one two-story building, 105 x 70 with a single-story 70 x 35 wing, and the following eight single-story buildings: three 105 x 35; two 340 x 105, with four rail spurs alongside; and one each 180 x 85, 360 x 165, and 270 x 35. 25X1
11. Boiler house, single-story, 120 x 70. This building, although listed in the Bombing Encyclopedia as Tbilisi Thermal Power Plant "Air-frame" [] apparently only furnishes heat and steam to the aircraft plant. 25X1
12. Engineering/Administration building, 4-story, 410 x 85, with two 3-story wings, 130 x 85.
13. Engineering/Administration building, 4-story, 370 x 35.
14. Loading platform, concrete, 275 x 110, with four rail spurs alongside.
15. Storage area, partially fenced: contains 5 single-story storage buildings, 180 x 45, 145 x 35, 110 x 25, 105 x 70, 105 x 45; water storage tank, 45' diameter, rail served; and open storage throughout the area.
16. Rail entrance to installation.
17. Road entrance. Road leads to Tbilisi/Soganlug Airfield [] 25X1
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18. Sawmill area, partially fenced: sawmill, single-story 105 x 35, and two single-story storage buildings, each 105 x 35. Lumber piles throughout area. Rail served.

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FIGURE 1. AIRFRAME PLANT 31, TBILISI, USSR.

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19. Probable flight production building, single-story, 220 x 140.

KEY TO ANNOTATIONS
Figure 2 -- Soganlug Airfield

1. Road to Tbilisi Airframe Plant 31.
2. Administration building, single-story, L-shaped, 80 x 25 and 60 x 25.*
3. Two personnel buildings, single-story, 155 x 50 (with control tower) and 130 x 50.
4. Small radio facility, consisting of small shack and a single stick antenna.
5. Nose hangar (with 7 bays), single-story 280 x 45 with small shops at each end. Concrete apron 280 x 35.
6. Communication facility, consisting of 12 short stick antennas.
7. Parking apron, 1,900 x 120, concrete.
8. Runway: length, 6,000; width, 270; surface, concrete; orientation, NW/SE.
9. Hardstand, 130 diameter, concrete.

Aircraft on field: 2 CAB, plus one probable fighter in nose hangar.

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FIGURE 2. SOGANLUG AIRFIELD, TBILISI, USSR.

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